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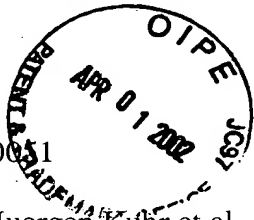
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On March 22, 2001D. Cwiklinski
D. CwiklinskiDated: March 2, 2002AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 24, 2001 regarding the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is included in the attached Appendix.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 22, 44, 45, 47, 50 and 51 as follows:

22. (Amended) A system that is suitable for collecting a body fluid from a region of the body of a person to be examined, the system comprising:

- a lancing device which is suitable for holding a lancet and for guiding the lancet to pierce the skin of a person to a defined puncture depth, and
- a lancet magazine for storing a plurality of lancets, the lancet magazine comprising
- a transport device adapted to transport lancets and
- an opening into which the lancing device can be inserted to remove an individual lancet from the lancet magazine.

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